

**Passaic, Hackensack and Newark Bay Remediation Branch Weekly Report**  
**May 13, 2020**  
**Enforcement Confidential**

**RA or DD updates for the week of May 18, 2020:**

**Hot Issues:**

**Past Week:**

**Upcoming:**

**Regional Administrator's Pending Action Items:**

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Date Sent to RA's Office</u>	<u>Required By/Due Date</u>	<u>Comments</u>

**Other Items of Special Interest:**

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**Non-RA Highlights:**

**Events List:**

<u>Event Name</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Event Type</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>

**Milestone Tracker:**

<u>Site</u>	<u>Milestone</u>	<u>Project Manager</u>	<u>Projected Date</u>
Diamond Alkali OU4	PRAP	Diane Salkie	2020/4
Pierson's Creek OU2	ROD	Pam Tames	2021/1
Riverside Industrial Park	ROD	Josh Smeraldi	2020/4

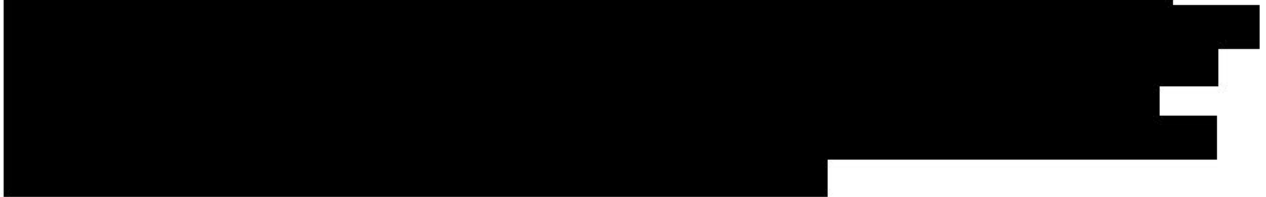
**Diamond Alkali OU1 (Lister Avenue):**

- Groundwater sampling
  - Submittal of 2019 Annual Groundwater Report, Groundwater Sampling Event No. 10, and GWWS Update/Hydraulic Gradient Update – Estimated 6/1/20.
- Remedy of Site Evaluation Report Addendum submitted 4/30/20, under review by EPA and NJDEP, comments due 6/01/20.
  - Submittal of Revised Remedy Evaluation Report – 6 weeks from approval of Site Evaluation Report Addendum.
- GSH continues to update the NJPDES Permit Equivalent coordinating with NJDEP on proposed discharge limits for influent/effluent sampling.

- EPA reviewed submitted comments on GSH revised and updated DASS Operation and Maintenance QAPP. GSH submitted RTC 5/11 that are under review by EPA.
- Uploaded first draft of DASS OU1 five-year review for TSS input in preparation for kickoff meeting 6/1
- Completed draft OU1 oversight bill

#### **Diamond Alkali OU2 (8.3 miles):**

- Exemption 5, Attorney-client communication; Attorney work product; Exemption 7(a), Enforcement



#### **Diamond Alkali OU3 (Newark Bay Study Area):**

- GSH submitted revised BERA for EPA back check review on 5/12
- GSH submitted Lower 8-mile remediation schedule from GSH. Waiting on revisions to Lower 8-mile 60% remedial design schedule to start no action run
- NBSA CSTAG's revised memo under review and Exemption 5, Deliberative/Pre-decisional
- CSTAG comments to be addressed by focusing on the content of the Draft RI Report, currently re-examining RI Chapter 4 and 5
- PRG-RAO comment clarification meeting with GSH on 4/29, EPA preparing additional clarification requested
- Working on NBSA bioaccumulation modeling documentation that specifies that NBSA model is stand alone, independent and different from the LPRSA bioaccumulation model
- Completed draft of OU3 oversight bill

#### **Diamond Alkali OU4 (17-Mile):**

- Held FS meeting #30 on May 7<sup>th</sup> where the following was discussed:
  - Remaining FS items/schedule
  - How to determine Y and N factors
  - Dredge to clean
  - Addressing contamination above RM 15 feedback
- Continued to work on the draft Proposed Plan.

#### **Universal Oil Products:**

- Revised definition of the site was discussed with and agreed to by Honeywell. Revised AOC/SOW sent to Honeywell for signature on 05/08.
- Annual cap maintenance and observation to occur mid-May.
- Need to send past cost bill within 2 weeks.
- Had call to discuss findings of VI work. Should be able to move ahead, had one concern about chloroform, but it does not appear to be site related.

#### **Berry's Creek Study Area:**

- Sent memo regarding erosion concerns for the RBD efforts was sent to the NJDEP team earlier this week.

- RD Primer “Meeting” held May 5 and 6. Received positive feedback from several folks, includes Ken Finkelstein from NOAA, on the effort to reacquaint people to the site and the interim action remedy, and the status of the design.
- Need to send oversight bill within the next week.
- The owner of the radio station on Upper Peach Island has not been willing to negotiate access with the BCG for design activities. The BCG has reached out to EPA to provide a letter to the owner, identifying the need for the BCG to complete the work. EPA has, and the owner remains unwilling to negotiate. ORC has drafted a letter strongly advising the owner to negotiate, and notifying the owner of EPA’s authority to require access through the issuance of a UAO.

**Ventron/Velsicol:**

- Document on summary of building on Undeveloped Portion of the site to be reviewed by 2<sup>nd</sup> week in May.
- **Exemption 5, Deliberative/Pre-decisional**  
[REDACTED]
  - Jay Steinberg (Fruit of the Loom bankruptcy trustee) requested releasing a portion of the funds from the Trust for other projects that required money. ORC gathered some information and is preparing a response.
  - Randolph property (adjacent to site) drainage has been reworked, and now occasionally floods Ventron site. Had discussion with property owner and PRP representatives on site.
  - Need to review:
    - 2018 Annual Report
  - **Exemption 5, Deliberative/Pre-decisional; Attorney-client communication**

**Standard Chlorine:**

- RD/RA: 100% RD due in 60 days (June 23).
- O&M: Ongoing.
- Sent reply email to Anthony Pilawski, Section Chief, Bureau of Pretreatment and Residuals, on April 22; received same day reply that he believes no 121e permit exemption for residuals and will be seeking NJDEP legal opinion. Continuing to discuss with ORC.
- Redevelopment:
  - Next redevelopment plan anticipated to be submitted by/through KEY is sewer/water; scope of work currently in discussions among HClA/Morris, Kearny Municipal Utilities Authority, NJ Transit.
  - Received RA Work Plan Addendum from Morris team (Nidal Rabah of TRC) on May 11.
  - Krista sent comfort letter to Morris on May 8.

### Pierson's Creek:

- Received the draft RI for OU2 on 9/23/19. The BHHRA was submitted on 10/31/19. On 3/24/20, Geosyntec submitted the revised combined RI and BHHRA. It is currently under review. DEP's comments expected next week. Geosyntec's latest schedule has Troy submitting the draft FS on 5/29/2020.



- Troy sent a letter on 4/15/20 focusing on EPA's approach and would like to meet with EPA to discuss the schedule. Their schedule now estimates a December ROD. HQ (Steven Cook) was also copied on the letter. A response letter to Troy was sent on 5/11/20.
- Received the draft SOW and AOC back from 429 Delancy on 9/17/19. A call was held with 429 Delancy on 11/20. Received the latest draft AOC from Amelia on 3/24 for review. 429 Delancy is not happy with this latest revision and is preparing a response. As of 5/12, 429's attorney stated that they are still working on a redline strikeout.
- The Troy invoice was sent out on 4/27/20. Troy would like a 30-day extension for payment and they also have some questions about the SCORPIOS report.
- The future buyer (Salomone) of the Globe Metals (Oberwill) property performed construction on the site and dug up the unnamed tributary adjacent to Globe/Troy and replaced it with piping and drainage features. The Oberwill and Salomone notice letters were sent out on 4/20/20. A conference call was held on 5/7/20 to discuss. CDM assessed the soil stockpiles on 5/5/20 to determine if additional stabilization measures are necessary. Not all the piles are fully covered.  
**Exemption 5, Attorney-client communication**
- Working on the RAF contracting reviews for the OU1 FS work.

#### **Riverside Industrial Park:**

- We received a draft FS on 4/27 and we expect to provide PPG comments on the draft FS on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- We will start drafting the proposed plan next week.
- We are preparing a community involvement plan to coincide with the release of the proposed plan this summer.

#### **Scientific Chemical Processing**

- Golder has submitted a report on the pilot test of Enhanced Co-Metabolic Bioremediation on 1,4-dioxane in the southern area of SCP. The report concludes that this technology did not perform well enough, so the southern area design will proceed with the previously approved technology, In-Situ Chemical Oxidation using alkaline activated persulfate. The draft final design for the southern area is expected to be submitted in June.